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SUMMARY: ALL ACTIVITIES OF SEC AND PARTY GET GENEROUS
TREATMENT ON BOTH TV AND RADIO. END SUMMARY

1. MARVIN KALB, CBS TV AND RADIO (EVENING NEWS AND THE
WORLD TONIGHT) - IT IS AN OLD RULE OF THUMB IN KISSINGER'S
STYLE OF DIPLOMACY THAT HE NEVER INJECTS A PURELY
AMERICAN PROPOSAL UNLESS HE IS THOROUGHLY WELL CONVINCED
IT WILL BE ACCEPTED. THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED LAST
SATURDAY WHEN THE HANG-UP WAS WHERE THE DISENGAGEMENT LINE
WOULD BE DRAWN. KISSINGER DROPPED IN HIS AMERICAN
PROPOSAL -- IT WORKED -- THE LINE WAS AGREED TO. IF THIS
PATTERN HOLDS AND PRESIDENT ASSAD BUYS KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL
TOMORROW THE AGREEMENT WILL BE SEALED, INITIALED ON
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SUNDAY, SIGNED 3 DAYS LATER. UP UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE

THOUGH, A DIPLOMATIC CLIFF HANGER.

2. VALERIANI (VOICE ONLY) ON CHANCELLOR SHOW TOOK SIMILAR TACK.

3. BARRY DUNSMORE, ABC-TV (ABC EVENING NEWS) - AMONG HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAK HAS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS AN HONEST BROKER BETWEEN THE MOST IMPLACABLE ENEMIES IT MAY SEEM AS THOUGH HAK HAS BEEN DOING AN AWFUL LOT OF COMING AND GOING AND THAT FOUR WEEKS IS AN AWFULLY LONG TIME FOR THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE TO DEVOTE TO ONE PROBLEM. HOWEVER, IT MUST BE STATED THAT HIS PRESENCE HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO THE NEGOTIATIONS -- NEGOTIATIONS WHICH QUITE LITERALLY COULD MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WAR OR PEACE.

4. MARVIN KALB, CBS RADIO (MORNING MAY 25) - THIS IS KISSINGER'S 11TH TRIP TO DAMASCUS AND IT MAY VERY WELL BE HIS LAST. A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL ON BOARD THE SECRETARY'S PLANE TOLD REPORTERS ON THE FLIGHT FROM ISRAEL THAT KISSINGER HOPES TO COMPLETE THE AGREEMENT ON DISENGAGEMENT SOMETIME TONIGHT. IF NOT, THE OFFICIAL SAID KISSINGER WILL SUSPEND THE NEGOTIATION AND RETURN TO WASHINGTON. THE SECRETARY IS DETERMINED NOT TO BARGAIN ANY MORE -- TODAY IS IT. IF ON THE OTHER HAND ASSAD YIELDS TO KISSINGER'S LATEST PROPOSALS ON DISENGAGEMENT, AN AGREEMENT ON ALL SUBSTANTIVE POINTS IS REACHED TODAY THEN KISSINGER MIGHT CONSIDER RETURNING TO DAMASCUS TOMORROW, BUT ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE DEAL. BEFORE LEAVING ISRAEL THIS MORNING THE SECRETARY CONFERRED WITH DEFENSE MINISTER DYAN. HE GOT ISRAEL'S LATEST THINKING ON A THINNING OUT OF FORCES. NOW THE AGREEMENT HANGS ON PRESIDENT ASSAD'S CONSENT.

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